

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method to assemble a curtain wall comprising a reticular supporting structure, provided with uprights (11) and cross-pieces (12), and covering elements (13) attached to said supporting structure, said uprights (11) and said cross-pieces (12) including first attachment means (22) for closure profiles (17) positioned between two adjacent covering elements (13) and provided with mating second attachment means (19), ~~characterized in that it provides comprising the steps of:~~

- a first step of positioning said closure profiles (17) frontally with respect to said supporting structure ~~in order~~ to engage said second attachment means (19) with said first attachment means (22);
- a second step of rotating towards the outside said closure profiles (17) around an axis passing through ~~a~~ the point of engagement between said first (22) and said second (19) attachment means, compressing first sealing means (26) associated with a first edge (25) of said closure profile (17) against the first of said covering element (13); and
- a third step of positioning second sealing means (29) on a second edge (27) of said closure profile (17) ~~in order~~ to stabilize the positioning thereof by resting said second sealing means (29) against the other covering element (13).

2. (Currently Amended) Assembly method as in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it provides a first step of comprising:~~

coupling stoppers (32) to the relative cross-piece (12), by inserting at least one plate (33) solid with the relative stopper (32) into a mating seating provided in the relative cross-piece (12),

and attaching it employing first clamping means to attach the plate to the relative cross-piece under pressure by means of clamping means (43), and a second step of coupling said cross-piece (12) to a relative upright (11) by means of anchoring an attachment element (40) solid with said stopper (32) to a relative profile provided in said upright (11) and attaching it employing second clamping means to attach the cross-piece under pressure to the relative upright by means of clamping means (41).

3. (Currently Amended) Curtain wall comprising:

a reticular supporting structure, provided with uprights (11) and cross-pieces (12), and covering elements (13) attached to said supporting structure, said curtain wall comprising a longitudinal element (20) arranged substantially parallel to the relative upright (11) or cross-piece (12) and including on at least part of its inner side a shaping (21) able to couple in snap-in manner with a mating seating (23) made in the relative upright (11) or cross-piece (12) and on at least part of its outer side a first attachment means (22) able to engage with a mating second attachment means (19) of a closure profile (17) able to be positioned, in snap-in manner and by means of rotation, between two adjacent covering elements (13), characterized in that

wherein said longitudinal element (20), in an intermediate position between said shaping (21) and said first attachment means (22), has a longitudinal hollow (30) able to perform a function of for conveying and channeling water and condensation,

a relative stopper is provided at the ends of each of said cross-pieces, the relative stopper has at least a drainage hole and a discharge platelet arranged as an extension of said longitudinal element and below said drainage hole.

4. (Currently Amended) Curtain wall as in claim 3, characterized in that wherein said first (22) and said second (19) attachment means have a substantially hook-type conformation.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) Curtain wall as in claim 3-5, characterized in that wherein said drainage hole (35) is located in correspondence with a channel (37) defined by a shaping made in the upper part of a the relative cross-piece (12).

7. (Currently Amended) Curtain wall as in claim 3-5 or 6, characterized in that wherein each of said stoppers (32) is attached to a respective the relative cross-piece (12) by means of at least an assembly plate (33) including holes (42) into which respective relative clamping means (43) are inserted under pressure against a segment of a the relative upright (11).

8. (Currently Amended) Curtain wall as in any claim 3 from 5 to 7 inclusive, characterized in that wherein each of said stoppers (32) includes snap-in attachment means (40) facing towards a relative upright (11) and at least a hole (44) arranged adjacent to said snap-in attachment means (40) for the insertion of clamping means (41) under pressure against a segment of a the relative upright (11).

9. (Currently Amended) Curtain wall as in claim 8, characterized in that wherein a front of said snap-in attachment means (40) include at the front includes a wedge-shaped segment (34) able during use to compress for, during use, compressing a relative said stopper (32) applied on a the relative cross-piece (12) against the upright (11) with which said cross-

piece (12) is coupled.

10. (Currently Amended) Curtain wall as in claim 3 -5, characterized in that wherein said platelet (36) has a raised edge (39) and has ~~its~~ a base surface ~~able~~ to convey inside ~~a-~~ the relative upright both the water that accumulates on the base surface of said longitudinal element (20), and also the water that drains from said drainage hole (35).